Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 04 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 05 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 Feb 2021 at 05:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold weather continuing and for snow showers becoming fewer and lighter later in weekend.

Headline for Thursday 04 Feb 2021: Bitterly cold with further outbreaks of snow, heavy at times, especially later in the day.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
High Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	70%	90%	90%	90%

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Weather: Another cloudy day with outbreaks of snow. The snow will be mostly light and patchy during the morning, becoming more persistent during the afternoon. Some heavier snow is likely later in afternoon and evening resulting in blizzard conditions.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% chance over hills towards west coast. Otherwise very little chance with extensive cloud cover well down the hills.

Visibility: Pockets of good visibility in west of area, otherwise generally misty conditions. Often very poor at height with virtually zero visibility in more persistent snow and blowing snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/55 E	45/56 E	48/59 E	50/63 E	52/65 E	52/66 E	49/62 E
900	40/52 SE	41/53 SE	41/53 E	39/51 E	39/51 E	40/52 E	37/50 E
600	53/61 E	55/63 E	54/64 E	44/54 E	42/52 E	46/58 E	43/54 E
300	30/45 E	30/45 E	31/46 E	22/35 E	24/37 E	27/41 E	25/40 E
Glen	16/28 NE	16/28 NE	13/25 NE	15/30 NE	16/31 NE	14/29 NE	15/29 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-8/-20	-7/-19	-7/-20	-7/-20	-6/-19	-6/-18	-6/-18
900	-5/-16	-4/-15	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13
600	-1/-11	-1/-11	-1/-11	-1/-11	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
300	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6
Glen	2/-3	3/-2	3/-1	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	100m	200m	300m	300m	300m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Some hazardous weather to come for Southwest Highlands over next few days. Severe chill effects combined with some blizzard conditions and drifting snow making walking extremely difficult.

Forecast for Friday 05 Feb 2021

Weather: Cloudy with further outbreaks of snow, heavy at times with temporary blizzard conditions. Also drifting and blowing of lying snow. Bitterly cold.

Maximum wind: Gale force easterly winds continuing, average speeds 30 to 40mph and gusts 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance.

Visibility: Moderate or poor and virtually zero in heavier snow and blowing snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising briefly to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures sub-zero at most levels.

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